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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: IMMIGRANT VISA - SYLVIA  
MANALESE MACDONALD

DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.

1. SENATOR BUCKLEY'S OFFICE CALLED DEPARTMENT AUGUST 22 RE  
IMMIGRANT VISA CASE OF SYLVIA MANALESE MACDONALD. BUCKLEY'S  
OFFICE HAD RECEIVED STRONG COMPLAINT FROM MRS. MACDONALD'S  
HUSBAND (FORMER ABC CORRESPONDENT GLEN MACDONALD), AGAINST  
U.S. EMBASSY MANILA IN GENERAL AND VICE CONSUL HANDLING CASE  
IN PARTICULAR.

2. IN PHONE CONVERSATION WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICER AUGUST 22  
MACDONALD SAID HE WAS ABC CORRESPONDENT IN MANILA FROM FALL  
OF 1973 TO JUNE OF 1974 WHEN HE WAS RECALLED TO ABC NEW  
YORK. HE HAS APPARENTLY NOW RESIGNED ABC JOB FOR HEALTH  
REASONS. MACDONALD STATES HE MARRIED SYLVIA MANALESE IN  
FEBRUARY 1974 BUT DID NOT START PROCESSING IMMIGRANT VISA  
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FOR WIFE UNTIL HE WAS INFORMED OF HIS RECALL TO NEW YORK IN

MAY 1974. MRS. MACDONALD CONSEQUENTLY STAYED ON IN MANILA TO GET VISA. MACDONALD CHARGES VICE CONSUL HAS UNDULY DELAYED VISA ISSUANCE WHICH HAS APPRENTLY BEEN SNARLED BY HEALTH PROBLEM AND QUESTION OF HIS SALARY, BUT HE IS CHIEFLY ANGERED OVER "BIGOTED BEHAVIOR" OF VICE CONSUL.

3. MACDONALD WAS VAGUE IN DESCRIPTION OF "BIGOTED BEHAVIOR" BUT SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CALL FROM WIFE WHO WAS IN TEARS AND STATED SHE HAD BEEN DEEPLY INSULTED, AND ALSO HAD APPARENTLY BEEN MADE TO WAIT IN VISA OFFICE FROM 8:00 IN MORNING TO 1:30 IN AFTERNOON BEFORE RECEIVING INTERVIEW FROM VICE CONSUL.

4. MACDONALD STATES HE MAY PREFER CHARGES AGAINST VICE CONSUL THROUGH LAWYER FRIEND BILL QUASHA. ALSO SPOKE OF REGISTERING PROTEST THROUGH FONSEC ROMULO, AND OF RELEASING STORY TO PRESS. ALSO REQUESTED DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST VICE CONSUL.

5. MACDONALD WAS CALM AND WELL SPOKEN ON PHONE BUT EXTREMELY ANGRY AND IMPLACABLE.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS RE STATUS VISA ISSUANCE SYLVIA MANALESE MACDONALD AND CHARGES BY MR. MACDONALD. PLEASE SEND REPLY NIACT IMMEDIATE SO WE WILL HAVE IN HAND BY OPENING OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 WASHINGTON TIME. WE WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO NIP THIS CASE IN BUD. KISSINGER

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